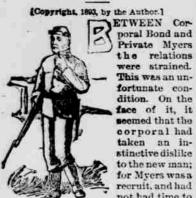
RECRUIT AND RPORAL

BY GEORGE L PUTNAM.



poral Bond and Private Myers the relations were strained. This was an unfortunate condition. On the seemed that the | cartridge. corporal had taken an instinctive dislike to the new man; for Myers was a recruit, and had

not had time to ate either pronounced friendships or antagonisms. But Corporal Bond, who was a soldier from love of it, and whose chief pride was in the daring efficiency of the old regiment, did not reckon from instinct alone. He observed that Private Myers accepted the petty annovances attendant upon joining with when he found his blanket knotted rope-wise. This, Corporal Bond argued, could be true of only a mean-spirited creature. He was sorry such a recruit had gotten into the regiment, but being there he must be educated up to the regiment's standard.

One stinging mid-winter day the guard detail from H company included both Corporal Bond and Private Myers. The first sergeant, being busy with the monthly returns, was excused from marching on the detail at guard mounting, and that duty fell to Corporal Bond. After performing this slight function, he would take his place in the line of file closers and become himself a member of the guard. He was careful to inform himself of the position of the detail in line; and then indicated to Private Myers his particular place. To the superficial eye of the ad-

jutant, shivering in front of the line and devoutly wishing the ceremony was over, the disposition of the detail ed to have been made with due regard for symmetry in "sizing up." But when the guard had been marched to its post and had been told off into reliefs it was found that Private Myers had post No. 3 of the second relief. The older soldiers, chuckling at their own escape, grinned anticipatively at the idea of mild-mannered Myers suffering on that exposed beat. They were denied the satisfaction of knowing if Myers understood the situation, for he said nothing, did nothing that could be construed into an admission.

When the hour came for posting the second relief for its first tour of night duty, Corporal Bond assumed command of Private Myers, and relieved the old sentinel on No. 3.

"You know the limits of your post at night," said he. "From the corner of the ordnance storehouse around to the lower end of the corral, along the bank of the cut. It's a nasty place, and you'll have to keep your eyes open, Myers. A man that's no more of a scrapper than you are could be killed twenty times over along the cut; a belt over your head, a knife under your chin, and then you go tumbling down Into the waterway. There's plenty would do it, too, for the sake of the stealing they could get on your post. I'm telling you this for your own good.

"There's the wood-yard. Those sticks would make handy weapons for a man erceping up behind you. Cord-wood posts money, too, out here. Government can afford it, but folks can't. If they get any at all, they steal it, and they don't object to a little thing like



"KEEP YOUR EYE PEELED."

that. They are always hanging around. picking off billets here and there. It's a piece of your business to-night to stop that-to catch 'em or kill 'emand they know it well as you do. They'll be keeping a sharp watch out for you in the dark corners. "Got a cartridge in your piece? You

are likely to need one. This nin't any play-soldiering, Myers; this post isn't snap. You're earning this night. It's a long dark beat, and a good step from any support. I'm most sorry it fell to you, for you ain't the man I'd choose for such a ticklish ting the corporal take the helpless tob. But don't get senred. All I say is, keep your eye peeled, or it'll be a dend sentinel I take off here in two

Private Myers shivered in his overcoat and wished himself far away. His sense of isolation became oppressive; shake hands. We haven't had any octhe darkness harbored unknown dan- casion to, so far." gers; thioves were lurking about; uncanny objects were ready to show them-

For Private Myers was a very new soldier, and could not bear a soldier's just as you say." honors easily. In every way he was untried and unformed. A good, square, honest fellow, but with no force of character and little worldly experience, he had enlisted because that way lay an easy manner of life. His can - just for to-night. You know nature had nothing in common with whose it is?" soldiering; but as yet he did not know it. He was out of his element; but he mine." did not know what his element was, Some day he might discover this, and thereafter do that to which his hand most naturally might turn. But now

When Roby was sick, we gave her Cantoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she becarre Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Chi'dren, she gave them Castoria

he was no more than a man in embryo, the butt of all the wags in barracks, accepting these rather hard conditions with humility because he did not know what else to do. His life was hard, but a redeeming feature was that he himself did not know how hard it really was.

With a sudden accession of courage he marched to the head of his beat As he went, something white fluttered into sight between him and the moon, and then wavered into the black depths of the cut. Again his courage forsook him, and he threw forward his rifle ready to fire; but the whiteness was lost, and he was unharmed. He threw open the chamber of his gun with face of it, it a bold movement and took out the

He knew a shot would bring the men from the guard-house, and he did not want to turn them out for a trifle. He would cut a very poor figure before them under such circumstances. Somewhat nearer than the guard-house was the cottage in which Corporal Bond lived. Women-folks were there, and they would be frightened by the discharge. It was better to take an additional risk of danger than to be the joke of the garrison for a week over a false alarm.

He approached the hay-yard. The wind was rising, and was like an icea meekness that was not becoming. He pressure against his face. It wailed had even shown no disposition to fight yet more and more dismally. He stopped to listen, not at all certain it was the wind, and that only, that he heard. There was a quality in it such as he had never heard before. It was



"SAY, KID, WHO ARE YOU?"

all like sounds usually produced by the lungs of night. He walked quickly among the bales of hay, and nearly over the origin of the strange sound. He picked it up and looked at it in the dim moonlight.

"White, eh? How the deuce did the child get here?" he demanded of him-"Say, kid, who are you?"

But the child was crying too steadily to admit of its doing anything else. It had probably been asleep, and now, barely awake, was frightened by unwonted surroundings. It was cold, too. Myers could not get a rational reply. The child simply clung to him, and cried with a loud voice. 'To Myers' mind it drowned all other sounds, and he wondered that the guard did not come down and see what had occurred

on post No. 3. Private Myers was not enough of a soldier to alarm the guard. He was too much of a soldier to leave his post and run with the child to the cottage of Corporal Bond, but a few rods away. What he did was to strip off his overcoat, wrap the child in, and talk in a roughly comforting way. Presently he made a hollow space among the bales, sheltered from the wind, and warm In it he put the quieted child, pulling another bale over the nest; and the child went to sleep, like the vigorous, bealthy little an

The officer of the guard came stumbling sleepily about on a tour of in-"All right on your post?" he demanded.

"All right, sir."

"Very foolish of you not to wear an overcoat. You're likely to get pneumonia," said the officer. The sentinel made no reply. The re-

mark had been unofficial, and did not require any. At the end of two weary hours, Corporal Bond came down to relieve the

sentinel. He had been warm and comfortable in the guardhouse, and was possibly in a little worse humor at having to turn out for so trifling a duty. "Still alive, eh?" said he. "Well, I didn't expect it. I see they took your overcoat, though."

"No, they didn't. I've got it down here," said Myers. He went to the place, and picked it up tenderly.

"The more fool you for not wearing it," growled the corporal. "Why, what have you got in it?"

"Just a kid I found down here crying." Corporal Bond looked at the sleeping child and gave a little start as of surprise. "Well, I swear!" said he. But he didn't.

They marched together without another word from the lower end of the beat and passed the corporal's set of quarters. Suddenly the corporal

stopped. "I'll take the kid," said he. And then he held out a hand in a friendly way. "We might shake," he ventured. Myers was carrying the child close to his breast with a warm feeling of ten-der possession. He did not fancy letcharge from him and spoke with unusual resentment.

"I'll keep the kid for to-night," said he, sturdily. "I found it, and I'll take enre of it-till somebody claims it. And I don't know any reason why we should

"Well," said the corporal, "I thought I'd like to because-because I seem to have made a mistake in sizing you up. I'm willing to admit my fault. But it's

"Oh, that's it, eh?" said Myers. "Well, here's my hand. Shake and INDAPO shake hearty. And, by the way, the hid here; you've got women-folk, and they can take care of it better than I

"Yes," said Corporal Bond. "It's

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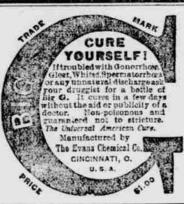
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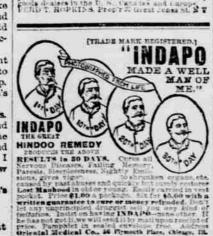
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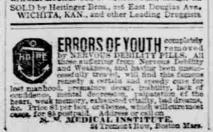
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from wounds or ruptured blood-vessels | says the Spectator. especially, there are some very peculiar | An early ambition of the present beliefs in some parts, one being that writer was to live in a house stocked their traditional costumes. Pretty the secret can only be transmitted by with black beetles in order to keep a dresses may also be seen with frea man to a woman, and again by a hedgehog. At last this came about woman to a man. There is an amus- The new house swarmed with the ining proverb in use here about upstarts: sects, and we had the luck to find a Naples, in Calabria and in Sicily. The hedgehog in a cowshed and brought it south of Spain is again a happy huntcurious idea is prevalent in the forest home. It would not uncurl in the ing ground for pictorial peasants' about the death's head moth; they be- kitchen, so we put it in a dark cup- dresses. The gypsics, too, who swarm lieve firmly that this insect was never | board, where there were enough of the | both at Seville and at Granada, are seen until after the execution of creatures to "feed right a great hog." sufficiently picturesque, although in the way of cleanliness and completevillage or hamlet in the New Forest the animal's size, remarked, disparag- ness of garments they leave a good but has its pixey field or mead, or its ingly. But the hedgehog never undeal to be desired. It is perhaps in pixey's cave. That mischievous spirit, curled. We looked at him night and Switzerland, the Tyrol, in South Gerwhich is known under the name of day and found beetles running over "Laurence," still obtains possession of him and speculating where they would way and throughout southeastern Eu begin to eat him. At last we carried rope that picturesquely clad peasant "Laurence has got on him," they say him to the lawn, where he did move women are most abundantly in eviof one who is lary. A tricksy fairy, and walked into the tennis net and dence, and the Americans will probthe forest folk believe to this day, had to be cut out to the great destruc-tempts their rough native ponies to tion of the meshes. Black-beetle killstray. Also, they say he lives in bogs, ing is a limited but respectable calling assumed by female Hungarians, Stywhich he entices the unwary. in London, and a leading member of rians. Wallachinns and Dalmatians, "(olt pixies" such as he are termed; the craft sends his card round at inter- comprising, as the costumes do, lancer only the firstborn may consider them- vals to owners of the large mansions caps, furred pelisses, braided jackets, selves to be free from his spell. The in London, to intimate that in his baggy trousers, plaited pigtalls and caterpillar is known, as in the days of opinion the time has come when his other eccentricities of a feminine the first translation of the Bible into services ought to be required in the garb quite unknown, we should say, English, as the "palmerworm." A wood- houses which he has attended during in the happy land of Columbia. It is lander talks of feeling lear-like when many changes of ownership or occupa- as well that the flungarian contingent he is hungry, using a corruption of the tion. One habit of the beetle, if the are to bring a band of musicians with word "learnes," old English for empti- observers are correct, itself tends to ness, which reminds one of the Ger- their destruction. The eggs are carried under the body of the female, and But one might fill pages with examples showing how much nature, in the creatures are once exterminated, "humans" as well as in wild life, has their quarters can only be repeopled by been allowed to remain as she was so immigrants. On the other hand, it is many generations ago. There is a asserted that the cockroach "gums" its potent charm about this old-world eggs in cases to the walls. Which of state of things which seizes on one, and the statements is true the writer has For Sale in Wichita by OZANNE & DYER and by CHAS, LAWRENCE Brugseems for a time to fill one who en- not yet been able to discover.

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